



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 399

LCO No. 1065

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO ESTABLISH THE NEED FOR
SKILLED WELDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That, not later than January 1, 2006, the Office of Workforce
2 Competitiveness shall submit a report to the joint standing committee
3 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
4 higher education and workforce development concerning the state's
5 current and future need for welders and recommendations for
6 generating a sufficient number of welders to meet identified workforce
7 needs. Such report shall contain an analysis of the costs and benefits to
8 the state of (1) maintaining existing educational and training programs
9 in welding offered by the regional vocational-technical school system,
10 (2) expanding such programs into four-year vocational-technical
11 programs, and (3) increasing the number of youth preapprentice and
12 apprentice programs in welding through the regional vocational-
13 technical school system.

Statement of Purpose:

To study the state's need for skilled welders and analyze the benefits of expanding training programs at the regional vocational technical schools.